(c) if so, by when Government would establish an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Gujarat;

(d) whether there is a target to establish a number of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, how many and where they are going to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government of India has set up three Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali and is establishing two more IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram. These Institutes have been set up on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and in such a manner that they are distributed in all broad regions of the country. Gujarat falls in the western region for which an IISER has been established at Pune. At present, there is no proposal to set up more IISERs.

Online CAT examination

2818. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to permit online CAT examinations similar to US examinations like GMAT and GRE, etc., which may help in handling the huge number of students appearing for the test every year;

(b) if so, what would be the *modus operandi* of the scheme with regard to ensuring the transparency; and

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this scheme to all other all India basis exams like Staff Selection Board exams, Railway Recruitment Board exams, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee of Chairpersons of the Admissions Committees of the Indian institutes of Management (IIMs)—CAT Group had recommended to the Institute to explore the possibility of conducting CAT on-lines of GMAT/GRE, etc. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) At present, Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has no such scheme. In so far as Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) exams are concerned, they have already introduced On-line examinations where number of candidates is small/limited.

Suicide by school children

2819. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken note of suicides being committed by school children failing in upper primary classes, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to reform the present examination system so as to do away with annual examinations, at least till the Tenth Standard; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?